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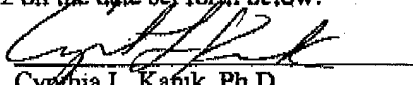
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 55-77 and add new claims 78-97 as follows.

78. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 58) A method for producing a protein from an endogenous cellular gene comprising:

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sequence into a cell;

(2) maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for integrating said vector into the genome of said cell by non-homologous recombination whereby said transcriptional regulatory sequence is operably linked to said endogenous cellular gene;

(3) maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for expressing said endogenous cellular gene in said cell by means of said transcriptional regulatory sequence;

(4) maintaining said cell so as to produce amounts of said protein from said endogenous cellular gene; and

(5) purifying said protein.

79. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 59) A method for producing a protein from an endogenous cellular gene comprising:

(1) introducing a vector comprising a non-retrovirus transcriptional regulatory sequence into said cell;

(2) maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for integrating said vector into the genome of said cell by non-homologous recombination whereby said transcriptional regulatory sequence is operably linked to said endogenous cellular gene;

(3) maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for expressing said endogenous cellular gene in said cell by means of said transcriptional regulatory sequence; and

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80. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 60) A method for producing an expression product of an endogenous cellular gene comprising:

- (1) introducing a vector comprising a transcriptional regulatory sequence operably linked to a secretion signal sequence into a cell;
- (2) maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for integrating said vector into the genome of said cell by non-homologous recombination whereby said transcriptional regulatory sequence and secretion signal sequence are operably linked to said endogenous cellular gene;
- (3) maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for expressing said endogenous cellular gene in said cell by means of said transcriptional regulatory sequence; and
- (4) maintaining said cell so as to produce amounts of the expression product of said endogenous cellular gene.

81. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 61) The method of claim 60 wherein said vector further comprises an unpaired splice donor sequence operably linked to said transcriptional regulatory sequence.

82. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 62) The method of claim 60 wherein said transcriptional regulatory sequence is non-retroviral.

83. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 63) A method for producing a protein from an endogenous cellular gene comprising:

- (1) introducing a vector construct comprising a transcriptional regulatory sequence operably linked to an unpaired splice donor sequence into a cell;

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(2) maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for integrating said vector construct into the genome of said cell by non-homologous recombination whereby said transcriptional regulatory sequence and unpaired splice donor sequence are operably linked to said endogenous cellular gene;

(3) maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for expressing said endogenous cellular gene in said cell by means of said transcriptional regulatory sequence; and

(4) maintaining said cell so as to produce amounts of the protein encoded by said endogenous cellular gene.

84. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 64) The method of claim 63 wherein said transcriptional regulatory sequence is non-retroviral.

85. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 65) A method to express and screen for expression of a cellular gene comprising:

(1) introducing a vector construct into a cell and maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for integrating said vector construct into the genome of a cell, said vector construct lacking targeting sequences and containing a transcriptional regulatory sequence and unpaired splice donor sequence, so that the coding region of a gene in the genome is operably linked to the transcriptional regulatory sequence and splice donor sequence on the vector construct; and

(2) screening said cell for expression of a protein that is encoded by said gene.

86. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 67) The method of claim 85 wherein said transcriptional regulatory sequence is non-retro viral.

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87. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 67) The method of claim 85 with the additional step of isolating the cell producing the protein encoded by said gene.

88. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 68) A method to express and screen for expression of a cellular gene comprising:

(1) introducing a vector construct into a cell and maintaining said cell under conditions appropriate for integrating said vector construct into the genome of a cell by non-homologous recombination, said vector construct containing a transcriptional regulatory sequence and unpaired splice donor sequence, so that the coding region of a gene in the genome is operably linked to the transcriptional regulatory sequence and splice donor sequence on the vector construct; and

(2) screening said cell for expression of a protein encoded by the cellular gene, said gene and said upstream region of said gene lacking homology to the vector construct that would facilitate homologous recombination of the vector construct with the genome to cause expression of said gene.

89. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 69) A method to express and screen for expression of a desired phenotype in a cell comprising the steps of:

(1) constructing a vector comprising a transcriptional regulatory sequence and an unpaired splice donor sequence;

(2) delivering copies of the vector to a plurality of cells;

(3) maintaining the cells under conditions permitting non-homologous recombination between the vector and the genome of the cells, thereby expressing an endogenous gene conferring said desired phenotype; and

(4) screening the non-homologously recombinant cells by assay

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for the desired phenotype to identify cells in which expression of the desired phenotype occurs.

90. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 70) A method as claimed in claim 89 wherein the desired phenotype is production of a particular protein and the assay is conducted by testing for increased production of the protein.

91. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 71) A method to express and screen for expression of a desired gene in a cell comprising the steps of:

- (1) constructing a vector comprising a transcriptional regulatory sequence and an unpaired splice donor sequence;
- (2) introducing said vector into at least 100,000 cells;
- (3) maintaining said cells under conditions appropriate for integrating the vector by non-homologous recombination into said cells;
- (4) screening the non-homologously recombinant cells produced in (3) by assay for a phenotype to identify cells in which the expression of the desired gene has been expressed.

92. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 72) A purified cell expressing a protein, said cell comprising in its genome an inserted genetic construct, the genetic construct comprising a transcriptional regulatory sequence operably linked to a splice donor sequence, said transcriptional regulatory sequence being linked effectively in the cell's genome to a gene in the genome encoding said protein so as to cause expression of said gene and said splice donor sequence being spliced to a splice acceptor sequence in said gene, the construct inserted into said gene or upstream region of said gene, said gene and upstream

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region having no homology to any sequences in the genetic construct that would facilitate homologous recombination of the construct with the genome to cause expression of said gene.

93. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 73) The cell of claim 92 wherein the inserted genetic construct additionally contains an amplifiable marker.

94. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 74) A purified cell expressing a protein, said cell comprising in its genome an inserted genetic construct, the genetic construct comprising a transcriptional regulatory sequence operably linked to a splice donor sequence, said transcriptional regulatory sequence on the construct being linked effectively in the cell's genome to a gene in the genome encoding said protein so as to cause expression of said gene and said splice donor sequence being spliced to a splice acceptor sequence in said gene, the construct containing no homology to any sequences in said gene or to upstream regions of said gene that would facilitate homologous recombination of the construct with the genome to cause expression of said gene.

95. (Reinstated-formerly claim # 75) A method to express and screen for expression of a gene encoding a protein comprising:

- (1) constructing a vector comprising a transcriptional regulatory sequence and an unpaired splice donor sequence;
- (2) introducing said vector into a cell;
- (3) maintaining the cell under conditions permitting non-homologous recombination events between the inserted vector and the genome of the cell whereby said transcriptional regulatory sequence and splice donor sequence are operably linked to said gene; and
- (4) screening the recombinant cell by assay for expression of the